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Acting Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Administration Building
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2430 E Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Dulles:

I thought you would be interested in the following information furnished by an informant who has given this Bureau reliable information in the past, and which is purported to represent statements made by Soviet officials stationed in Europe. The informant believes these persons are important officials of the Soviet Ministry of State Security (MGB).

Joseph Stalin is very ill and has designated Malenkov (Georgi Malenkov) to act for him. Malenkov is the strongest man in the Soviet Union and the army has been subordinated to him. The Soviets will initiate an "offensive" through Yugoslavia and Turkey in the Spring of 1953, or, at the latest, in the Spring of 1954, unless Stalin is still alive. Stalin will not allow them to start "any fights" while he is still alive. The Soviet officials who are in favor of war believe that Communism in Europe and Asia can only be protected through action in Yugoslavia and Turkey. They will attack where the West is the weakest and, while the United States is worried about the Far East, the Soviets will cause trouble in the Near East.

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Tito must be eliminated within three months (after January, 1953) and the Croats will do the job. One hundred sixty Croats are being trained now. (Informant believes the training is being carried out in or near Vienna, Austria.) The Soviets indicated they have "Draguntchek" (phonetic) or "Kukolevitch" (phonetic) available to replace Tito and stated that either one is the "real man" of the people.

The Soviets have made "fantastic technical and chemical" achievements in Siberia. They believe that since the United States has a "warrior" in the White House they must be ready and must anticipate the actions of the United States leaders and be just ahead of the United States.

They recognize a need for "terror" in the Soviet Union. The leaders of the Ministry of State Security are not too apprehensive about enemies outside of the Soviet Union but are more concerned with enemies within that country. They are particularly concerned with the "most loyal, older" Communists, including some at the very top. These people were described as "tired aristocrats" of Communism. Most of the trouble comes from those who have brains (the intellectuals). They lack stability, their minds, tastes and allegiance frequently change. The youth are imitating these old men and the Ministry of State Security must continue to "cleanse" the Party, bring up the new, young element and, at the same time, retain the old men who are not "tired." The informant believes that the Soviet leaders presently in control of the Soviet Union feel that some of the old Party members have grown away from the masses and they must return to the old revolutionary ways of terror to stamp out this tendency. It was stated that Beria (Laurenti Beria, a leading Soviet intelligence officer) is already having trouble and may have more trouble after Stalin dies.

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The Soviets believe that they must also have "terror and sabotage" in the United States. The informant understood this to mean that underground Communists in the United States would engage in acts of "terror and sabotage."

President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles are considered as the best two statesmen the United States has ever had. The Soviets are still seeking information with which to compromise President Eisenhower but have not been successful to date and have not found anyone to "cut Eisenhower's wings." They had a "couple of setups" but nothing came of them.

The Soviets do not believe that either General Ridgway or General Mark Clark is doing a good job in his present position.

I am unable to furnish a complete and definite evaluation of the above information. The informant has furnished valuable and reliable information in the past concerning domestic intelligence matters and in numerous instances it has been possible to corroborate such information through other sources. It is possible, of course, that the Soviets have "planted" the information which is set forth above, for deceptive purposes; however, there is no indication that this has been done.

This informant is expected to furnish valuable information in the future and for his protection it is requested that these data be treated as top secret.

The above information has also been furnished to the Attorney General; Honorable Robert Cutler, Administrative Assistant to the President; Honorable James S. Lay, Jr., Executive Secretary, National Security

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Council; Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant to the Secretary of State; Dr. Walter F. Colby, Director of Intelligence, Atomic Energy Commission; Brigadier General Edward H. Porter, USAF, Deputy Director for Intelligence, The Joint Staff, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Major General Joseph F. Carroll, Director, Special Investigations, The Inspector General, USAF; Major General Richard C. Partridge, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Department of the Army; Rear Admiral Carl F. Espe, Director of Naval Intelligence.

With assurances of my highest regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Brownell Pledges End Of Red Danger in U.S., Says Secrets Are Safe

Israel Says Egypt Made 4 Attacks Reports 2 Slain And 20 Wounded

By The United Press

JERUSALEM, Israeli Sector, April 9.—Israel charged today that armed Egyptians killed at least two Israeli soldiers and wounded twenty last night and early this morning in four border attacks. Dispatches from Tel Aviv said ten of the men were in serious condition.

Israel called on Maj. Gen. Vagn Bennike, chief of staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine to call an emergency meeting of the Israeli-Egyptian mixed armistice commission to consider a formal complaint from the Israeli government.

An Israeli spokesman said British ammunition and hand grenades were used in the at-

F. B. I. Foretold Malenkov Choice

From the Herald Tribune Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 9.—nearly a month before Prime Minister Stalin died on March 5, 1953, Federal Bureau of Investigation agents had learned that he was seriously ill and would be replaced, in the event of death, by Georgi M. Malenkov.

This was disclosed by attorney General Herbert Brownell jr. in a national broadcast tonight as an example of the effective counter intelligence campaign the F. B. I. is waging against the Communist movement.

Mr. Brownell said he received the F. B. I. report early in February, 1953. It was until March 4 that the Russian radio announced Stalin's illness. The announcement said he had been stricken with a brain hemorrhage on the night of March 1.

Urges Laws To Deal With 'Conspiracy'

By Robert J. Donovan

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Attorney General Herbert Brownell jr. told the American people tonight that the United States government is determined to destroy the effectiveness of the Communist movement in this country.

In a nation-wide television and radio speech the Attorney General said that "great progress" already has been made toward this end. He gave assurance "that so far as humanly possible this country is protected against further loss from government sources of secret defense information to our enemies."

"The American people," he said, "want no more of the type of Hiss, Remington or Harry Dexter White."

Calls for New Laws

He advocated a series of new laws to eliminate Communist domination of unions in vital industries, provide the death

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Paris Insists o

By Barrett McGurn

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PARIS, April 9.—Premier Joseph Laniel reassured Parliament today that France will maintain "complete liberty" in the East-West negotiations on Indo-China opening April 26 at Geneva. His assurances came on the eve of an expected emergency visit here by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, who plans to be in Paris early next week.

The French goal, the Premier said, will be to "neglect no chance to achieve a peace that respects the fundamental rights and liberty of the interested peoples."

Mr. Laniel's comment was one of many indications that France will reply unenthusiastically, if not coldly, to the American administration's proposal of a ten-nation warning to Communist China against aggression in Indo-China.

Surprises to French

It is known now that the disclosure of the new plan came to the French like a "bolt from the blue" on Monday and that the news of Mr. Dulles' contemplated visit also has been a surprise.

Mr. Dulles will be received cordially as the representative of a nation paying two-thirds of the present material costs in Indo-China, but he will find the French hesitant about possibly upsetting any peace-making mood at Geneva and also anxious not to equip the Communist propagandists with the charge that peace was deliberately sabotaged.

See Red Retaliation

The state of mind of many Frenchmen was indicated by a series of questions which Gaston Deferre, a Socialist deputy, asked Mr. Laniel after the latter's brief address. Among the

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